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Year of Re-Accreditation Valley Star's "Top Ten List."

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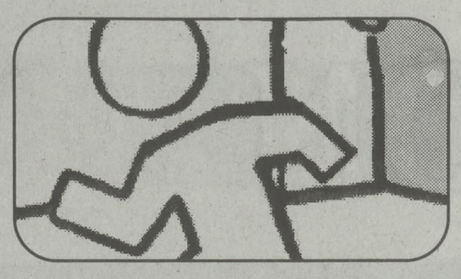

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Monachs pull off win against College of the Canyons.

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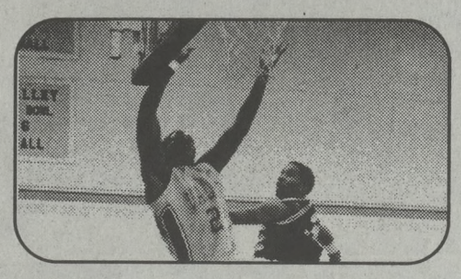

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- **When**: Feb. 3
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- **Where:** Admin. Bldg. Room 126, bring I.D.

'Comedy Nite' triumphs over problems

Barret Oliver/Valley Star

Athur Hiller receives honors in recognition of his outstanding work from Harvey B. Schechter, Hillel Campus Council Member.

■ **Arts:** Film Director Arthur Hiller honored.

By JIM CARROZO
STAFF REPORTER

Saturday night's "Comedy Nite 2000," with a special tribute to film director Arthur Hiller, was the fifth annual fundraiser held at Pierce College by Hillel, the campus club organization, fostering the positive image of the Jewish culture on college campuses.

This year's show was beset with a serious problem when Nomi Gordon, the Hillel director of the Pierce and Valley College chapters, was informed that the main theater on campus, which had been reserved for the benefit, was no longer available.

"We've had only one week to re-plan the whole event," Gordon said. "We were told that the Theater on the Hill, which was being renovated, would not be finished in time for the show." Gordon said that she could not have succeeded without the support of Faculty Advisor, Izzy Goodman, Council Chair, Alan J. Kheel and the assistance of numerous student volunteers, Campus Council members and the Hillel staff, who all pulled together to get the show on without any major glitches.

From redirecting guests to the Campus Center where a makeshift stage and sound system was set up, to offering complimentary soft drinks during intermission, Gordon and company made the transition as seamlessly and painlessly as possible.

Naomi Kasselberg, a visitor from Chicago, said, "I think it's wonderful. It's amazing what you can do if you put your mind to it," referring, she said, to the last minute changes in the venue. "It's the way of the Jewish people to 'make do,' and that's what we did tonight."

The highlight of the evening was the Hiller tribute. The former president of both the Directors Guild of America and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has directed 30 films, among them, "Love Story," "The Hospital," "Silver Streak," "Man of La Mancha" and "The Americanization of Emily." Hiller was presented with a plaque by campus council member, Harvey B. Schechter, honoring his commitment to the positive treatment of Jews in films.

The presentation followed a video montage hosted by actor Leslie Nielsen and featuring tributes by actors Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau and Ali McGraw. It also compiled clips from Hiller's films and other archival material.

In his introduction, Schechter related a personal story about his first meeting with Hiller 20 years ago. The award winning director expressed his concern with the way some Jewish characters were depicted in the script for "Private Benjamin," which he was set to direct. He subsequently quit the project.

Hiller thanked the audience and said, "I wish my parents were here to hear all these nice words." He shared some of his philosophy of making films that promote strong moral values and shed light on social problems, noting that many Jewish directors have lost touch with their Jewish roots and that he credits his values to his parents and his early experience in Yiddish Theater. He quoted a Yiddish saying that translated means, "Better a good person and not a Jew

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Campus police arrest man for exposing himself

■ **Crime:** Witnesses assist in identification of suspect.

By CATHY KOEBEL
STAFF REPORTER

A Los Angeles man was arrested by Los Angeles College District's campus police on Dec. 30, after exposing himself in front of three victims, officials said.

He was turned over to the Los Angeles Police Department, Van Nuys Division where he was charged with lewd conduct.

"He was one of our major problems," said Officer Charles Leber of campus police. "There were probably a lot of incidents that went unreported where people just didn't bother to file a police report," he said. "We had five instances here that we know of on campus."

Marcus Donnell Bell, 23, plead guilty on Jan. 4 and was sentenced to 60 days in jail and placed on three years summary probation, the City Attorney's office said.

The victims, a woman and her two daughters, were walking in the area of Coldwater Canyon and Burbank Boulevards on the Coldwater Canyon Extension road when they noticed a man trying to get their attention. He had his pants down and was masturbating. She told her daughters to ignore him and keep on walking.

"I've always told my children to be alert," said the victim. "If something unusual happens try to get some identifying information on the vehicle or person."

Officials reported that when Bell was arrested in his parked vehicle in Lot G after they were able to ascertain that he fit the physical description given by the victims. They found him in the front seat of his car with pornographic magazines and other materials. All three victims were able to identify him. Upon a records check Bell was reportred to have a prior conviction for indecent exposure, officials said.

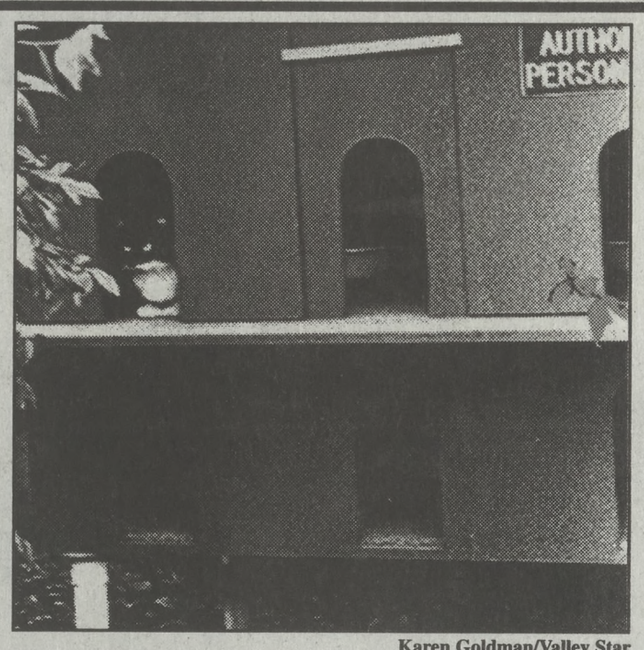
"He admitted to this offense over a dozen times," said Det. Jim Rahm of the Sex Unit of the Los Angeles Police Department, Van Nuys Division. "Bell's arrest helped us clear seven incidences that had been reported earlier even though we were unable to charge him with them."

"He admitted to this offense over a dozen times,"

Det. Jim Rahm
Sex Unit
Los Angeles
Police Department,
Van Nuys Division.

"That's why it's important for victims to report the incidents," said Leber. "Because even though the guy's gone at the time and we might never catch him on that incident, somewhere down the road, he's going to screw up and we will have all those documentary reports and that enhances the bail and everything."

Because of these victims alertness they were able to arrest this man and get him off the campus, said officials from campus police.



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Three new cat shelters and feeding stations installed around campus.

Crime Watch

1) Dec. 10
Theft - Bookstore
2) Dec. 10
Burglary - M/V Lot E
3) Dec. 20
Theft - Plaque David Dixon N Side Men's Gym
4) Jan. 4
Burglary - M/V Lot B
5) Jan. 10
Battery - Patio Music Bldg.
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Theft - M/V Lot D
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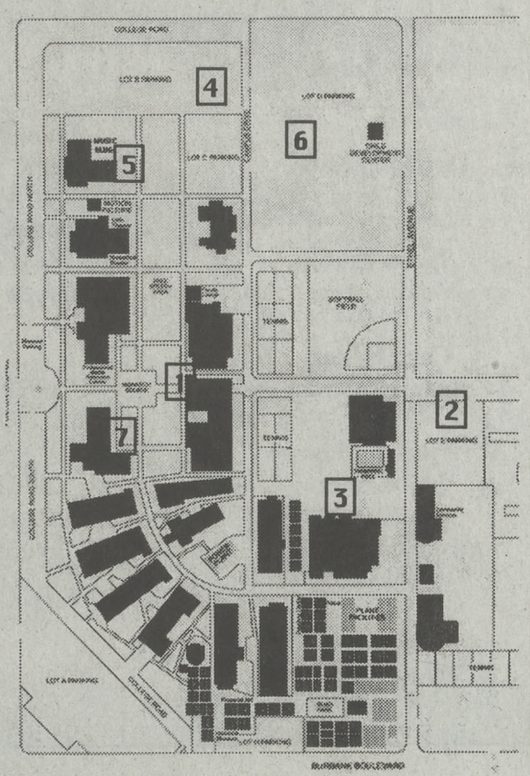


OPINION

Editorial.....

2000 - A year of Re-Accreditation

Every six years the Los Angeles Community College District does a self-examination to determine areas of the system that need improvement. Fact-finding committees have been studying different proposals with that in mind. The following is The Valley Star's "Top Ten List" of proposals that probably won't make their agenda.

#10 - Installation of cell phone and beeper detectors at the entrance of all buildings and bungalows. Offenders will be sentenced to six months of letter writing only, plus 100 hours of phone counseling. There will be a 50 cent per minute phone charge for this service with special low rates for conference calls.

#9 - Installation of enlarged desks to meet the growing needs of the expanding student body. Last semester the campus police allegedly had to employ the Jaws of Life on two occasions to free football players from their desks.

#8 - Subjection of sport referees to random eye testing. Any referees caught making a call without a recent note from their optometrist would be relegated to judging only cheerleading formations until the proper prescription is filled.

#7 - The expansion of the Financial Aid Program to include domestic counseling and funding for feral cats attempting to cross-over into the house-cat strata. Paid and unpaid internships in local homes will be made available with equal opportunity guidelines applicable to all breeds. NOTE: Crows, squirrels and dogs need not apply.

#6 - Limiting of outdoor smoking to the area at and around the Monarch Square flagpole. Smokers must be nude and must be supervised by an ASU official who may, and probably should, remain clothed.

#5 - Expansion of indoor smoking to include the use of student bathrooms, the rationale being that if you need a cigarette bad enough to withstand that experience then, "What the hell! Go for it!"

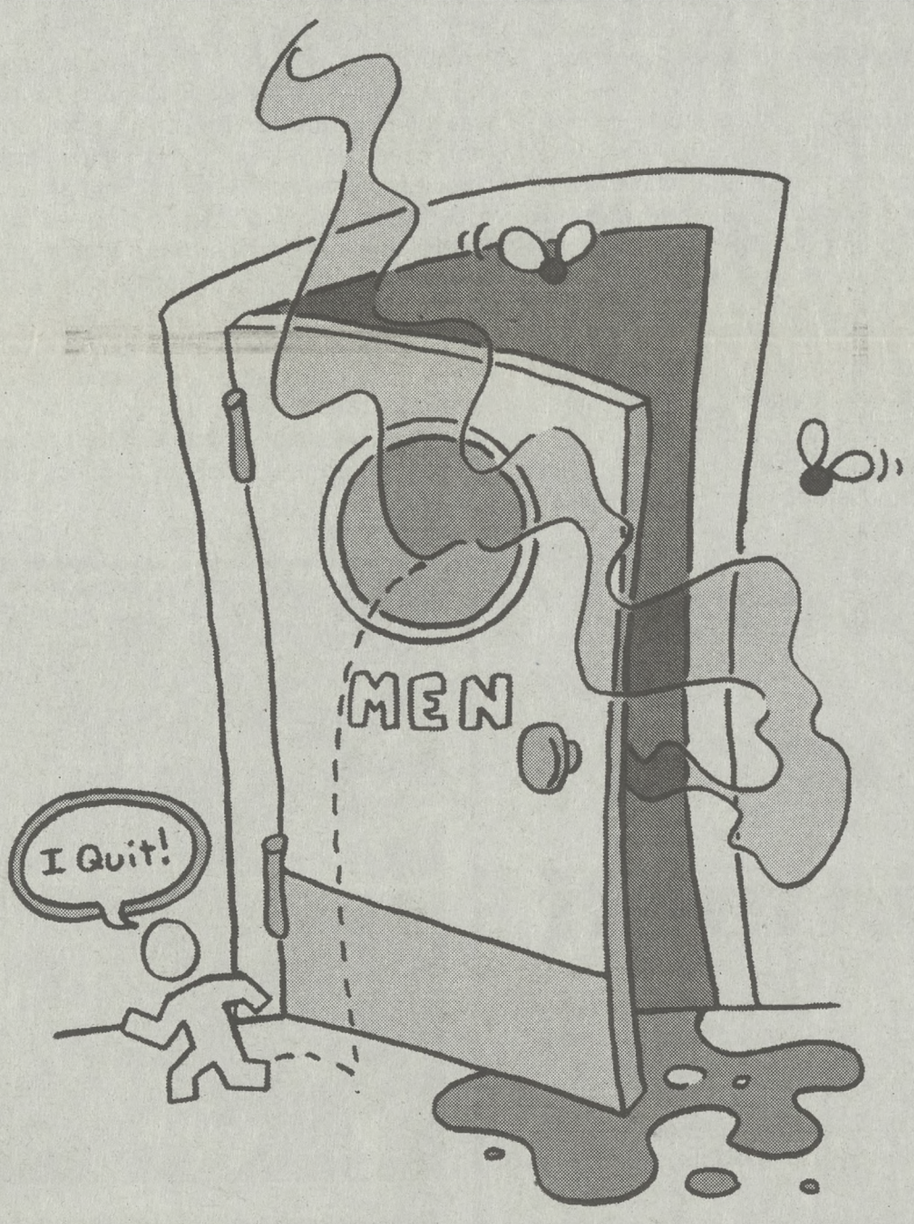
#4 - Implementation of the Cat feeding stations as an additional smoking area, but in return the cats must be permitted use of the student bathrooms.

#3 - Conversion of the administration building to vending machines. Students will be able to transact and/or receive, for exact change, their registration, adds, drops, withdrawals, transfer units, transcripts, certificates, diploma's, degrees, caps and gowns, and counseling packets; each hermetically sealed in clear plastic wrap with instructions for use in 26 languages.

#2 - Conversion of the bookstore to vending machines. The change machine, however, will only accept $100.00 bills.

AND THE NUMBER ONE RESOLUTION THAT PROBABLY WON'T BE CONSIDERED BY THE FACT- FINDING COMMITTEES IS:

#1 - The implementation of Standard USA "Have A Nice Day" training for all cashiers, clerks, food servers, booksellers and other on-campus workers who deal with the public. In an effort to inspire them to smile and say "Thank you," they will be given a book of etiquette and a detailed map to the unemployment line.



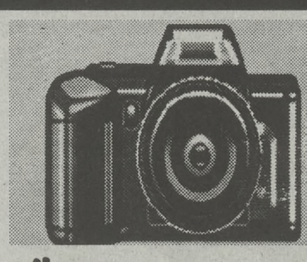
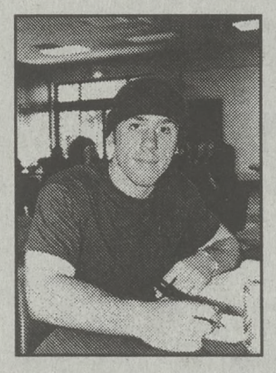


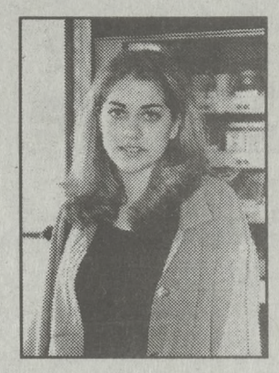
PHOTO SURVEY

What were you doing at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve?



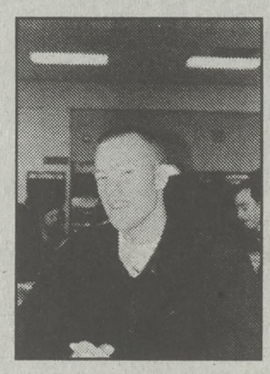
"I was at a party on the dance floor, and I got champagne dumped on me."

Stefan Klain
Van Nuys



"I was in Times Square."

Stephanie Cohn
Studio City



"I was pouring champagne on Stefan."

Eric Faulkner
Van Nuys

"I was in Israel, partying."

Alice Feldman
Studio City

To My Way Of Thinking....

Abortion is the cowardly way out

By AMIRAH ALIDINAR
STAR REPORTER

Would you murder someone just because its not a convenient time for them to be in your life? Or would you perhaps, kill someone if you discovered that you would have to care for them for a few years?

Thousands of women have answered YES to these questions, through the act of abortion. The attitude of these women seems to be, "If I don't want to be bothered...I can erase this little life from existence."

Some attempt to justify abortion with the claim that a fetus is not considered to be a human life. News flash folks, a fetus has a heart, a brain, and it is growing and developing - all of which are factors that describe a living being by any biological standard. A statement issued by the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith's Declaration on Procured Abortions quotes, "From the time that the ovum is fertilized, a life has begun which is neither that of the father nor the mother, it is rather the life of a new human being. It would never be made human if it were not human already."

The acceptance of killing an unborn child is evidence that our society is becoming increasingly desensitized to violence and murder. No longer are many capable of distinguishing the difference between good and evil.

Human life has become so insignificant today, especially the life of the unborn.

Mother Teresa said, "I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murdered by the mother herself."

Almost 60 percent of all pregnancies in the United States are unintended at the time of conception, according to the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) 1995 report. It also states that each year 25 percent of all U.S. pregnancies - many of which are the result of birth control failure - end in abortion. As I see it, the best solution to the issue of abortion is prevention. There is a contraceptive that is more effective and less troublesome than the birth control pill. It is called the "Noroplant." This device is good for five years and has little to no side effects. It is a very thin wire-like object that is painlessly inserted underneath the skin. Call USC Women's Hospital for details.

So, if couples are determined to engage in recreational sex, ask yourselves this question, "Could we be more responsible when being intimate?"

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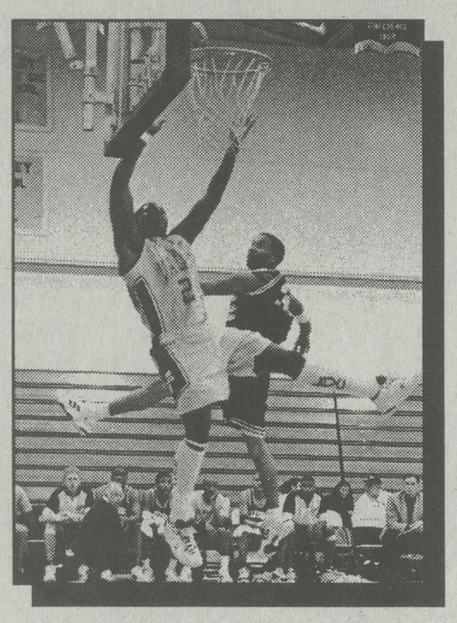

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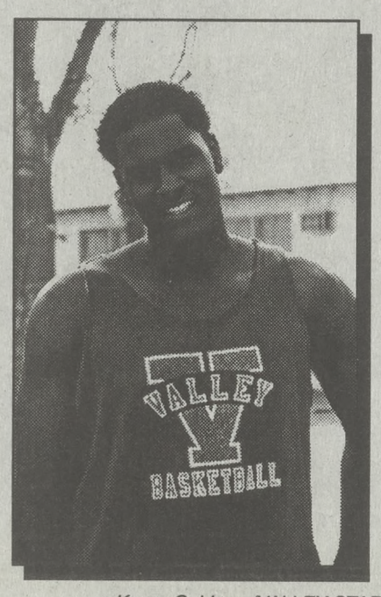

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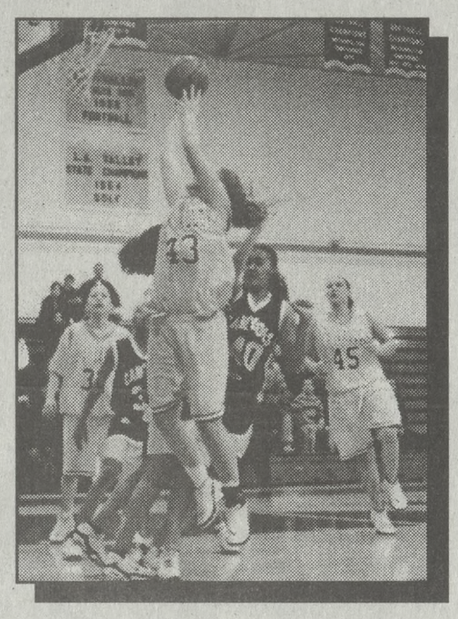
Name: Issac Williamson
High school: Perris H.S.
Honors: Williamson was the M.V.P. of the Coast Christmas Classic, which Valley won. He was also named Western State Conference "Player of the week". Williamson is the top scorer on the team scorer 13.7, and lead the team to a 10-4 December record.



Cathy Koebel/VALLEY STAR

Cathy Koebel/VALLEY STAR

Name: Carrie Miller
High school: Littlerock
Honors: Carrie had a great month of December for the Lady Monarchs. She averaged 11.5 points and 11rebounds a game. During the Holiday season Miller posted career highs in points 23 and rebounds 15 against Moorpark College.

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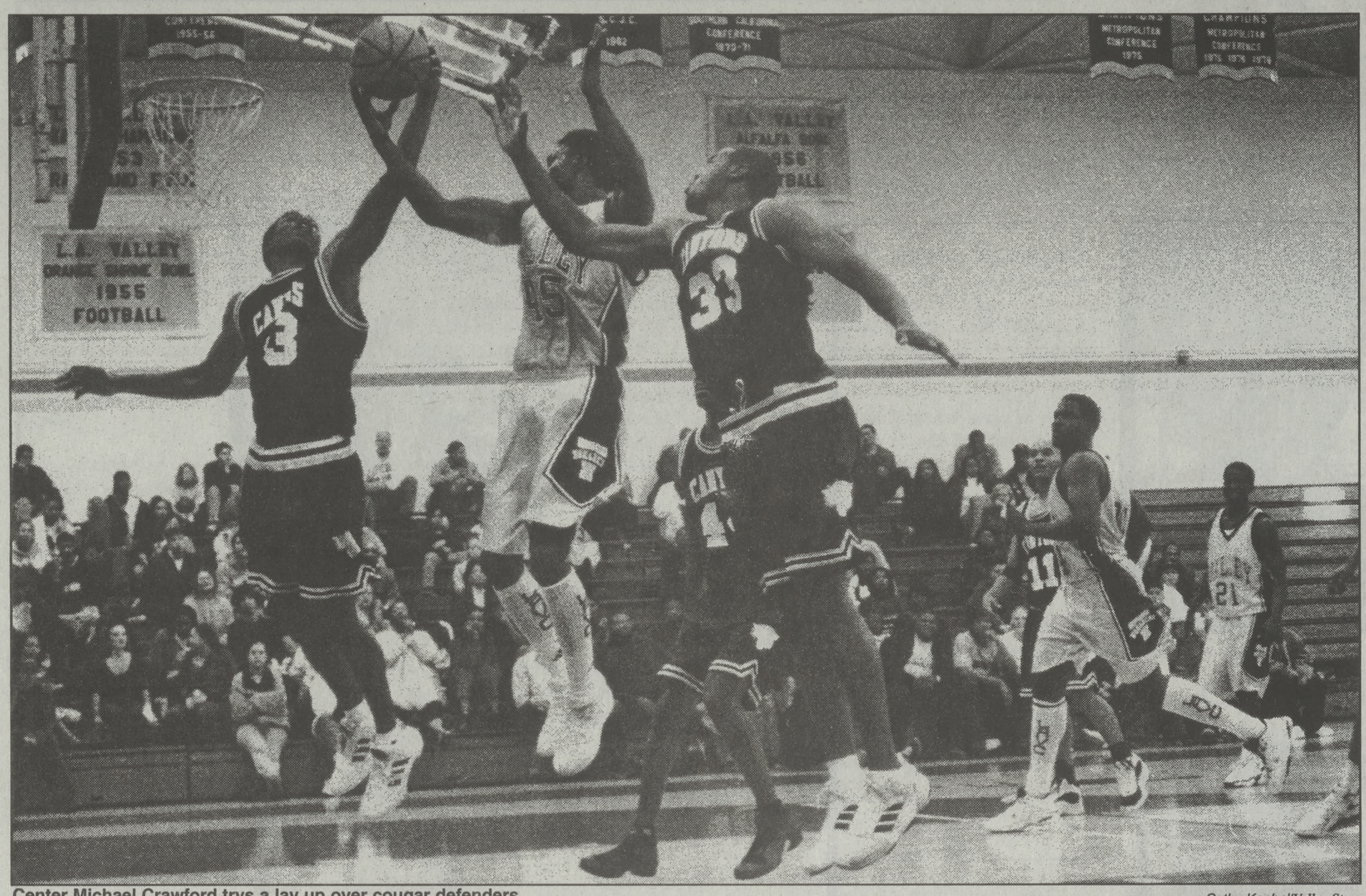

Center Michael Crawford trys a lay up over cougar defenders.

Cathy Koebel/Valley Star

Monarchs hold on for win

■**SPORTS:**
Basketball: Monarchs remain on top of the Western State Conference after win .

By VICTOR CORONA
STAR REPORTER

College of Canyons became the Monarchs latest victim losing 90-86 on Saturday.

Although the team improved to 6-1 in Conference, the Monarchs struggled to pulled off the victory."it was a battle the whole game," Sophomore shooting guard Felix Lang said.

The Cougars opened the game on a 10-4 run, as the game went on the intensity was so high at one point that both teams were whistled at for technical fouls. Lang said,"We were going at each other because of the rivalry we have."

"We were going at each other the whole game because of the rivalry,"

Sophomore shooting guard Felix Lang.

The Monarch defense tightened after the Cougars fast start and took a 40-37 halftime to the locker room.

The Monarchs opened the second half on a 10-0 run. holding a 10 point lead with five minutes to go in the game.

The Cougars began to cut in to the lead, Valley pulled away by making their free throws."We didn't execute down the stretch," said Sophmore point guard Joe Bakhoum.

The win gave the Monarchs an overall record of 18-6.

This after the team began the year dropping the first three of four games. The team has since gone 17-3, and 5-1 in Conference play.

Comedy, Cont.

than a Jew and not a good person." Hiller concluded his remarks by giving thanks to Hillel for "caring for and keeping our Jewish cultural heritage alive."

Along with the presentation of the plaque, Hiller was inducted as an honorary member of Hillel by Gordon who presented him with a Hillel tee shirt and a Hillel coffee mug filled with chocolate.

The comedy portion of the show was the framework for the tribute and was presented in two section with the homage to the director in-between.

It was emceed by comedian Mel Kohl who warmed up the audience before presenting the featured comics. Kohl, one of Jackie Mason's opening acts, also provided brief transitions to each new performer.

Comedian, Mollie Tretsky expanded on premises ranging from gynecology to being overweight, which was very well received by the audience.

J. David, chose topics such as day care and annual holiday letters from people who recount all the deaths, strokes and disasters they and their families have endured over the year. It drew minimum response from the largely retired audience.

After the video presentation to Hiller, Harv Tretsky had to reestablish the comedic mood. His attempts at ethnic humor drew audible groans from the audience. Closing the program was Jim Tavares who gave a rapid fire delivery to his routines with negligible results. One audience member commented that he thought the comic had some great ideas but that he talked too fast to be understood.

Concurrent with the proceeding there was a silent auction and throughout the evening bids were made for TV and movie memorabilia, dinner and movie certificates, theater and concert events and retail gifts.

Dov Viramontes, one of the student volunteers and a member of the Hillel organization said, "It was great seeing so many people who care and want Hillel to expand and grow for our future generations."

Viramontes' brother, Ariel said of the Hiller tribute, "I feel that it was important to bring Arthur Hiller to light in the Jewish community for creating his excellent movies." Both of them expressed enthusiasm at being able to volunteer.

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